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CTWG COMMANDERS' CALL
MINUTES
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Attendance

WING COMMANDER
VICE COMMANDER
CHIEF OF STAFF
SR. ADVISOR TO COMMANDER
SECRETARY
STATE DIRECTOR
103RD COMP. SQ - CT004
SILVER CITY COMP. SQ. - CT014
STRATFORD EAGLES COMP. SQ - CT022
169TH COMPOSITE SQUADRON – CT027
399TH COMPOSITE SQUADRON – CT042
C. K. HAMILTON COMP. SQ. – CT058
NORTHWEST HILLS COMP. SQ. – CT062
ROYAL CHARTER COMP. SQ. – CT071
CT MINUTEMEN COMP. SQ. – CT073
DANIELSON CADET SQ. – CT074
THAMES RIVER COMP. SQ. – CT075
DIRECTOR OF CADET PROGRAMS
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
DIRECTOR OF SAFTY
VISITOR
VISITOR

Name:

COL JENSEN
MAJ VALLEAU
LT COL HUCHKO (EX)
COL PALMER
LT BAILEY
MR. ISABELLE (NP)
LT KINSKY
MAJ DAVIAULT
SM GARCIA (REP)
MAJ MAGURNY
LT DELLAVECCHIA
CAPT TRUJILLO
MAJ MAFFIA
LT GANIS (REP)
LT PALOMBO (REP)
MAJ PROVOST
LT COL KINCH
MAJ MARTEKA
COL STURGES
LT COL STIDSEN
LT DAMMERS
SM ROCKETTO

(REP) Representative, (NP) Not Present, (EX) Excused

Meeting called to order at 1930 by Colonel Jensen.

COL JENSEN

- It was a pretty good CTWG Conference. We had an excellent turnout. The high point of the evening when we had a change of command and Colonel Palmer received his Distinguished Service Medal.
- We are going to have a guest speaker who will speak to the Commanders and to the CAC. She is Jackie Sturgess. She is the commander of the NYC Group. She has recently been selected to be Region AEO. She is also an expert on model

rocketry. This is something I am keen to get going in all the squadrons in Connecticut. I have bought a pewter Commander's Cup until the winning squadron takes it away with a model rocketry win.

- I am hammering again and again about these vehicle reports not being in on time. Region is on us about them not being on time. We need to get these things in. Traditionally it has been CC and a little longer. Basically CC is the latest that you should get these in.
- We will be talking to Captain Romano. There should be a better way to do this. Maybe we can have a nice IT application where you can input your figures on line. CC is when it is due even if before. Once the end of the month comes it should be in if this is before the date of our CC.
- We have a Stat Ops exercise in Schenectady in a couple weeks. We will have a Safety Down Day for the pilots in CT.
- Glass cockpit is coming.
- Encampment is coming. I gather our numbers are looking pretty good for this.
- Next year's conference. April has been a tight month because a lot of wings want to be in April. This year NY and CT went head-to-head with the Wing conferences. The hotel gave us good service.

MAJ VALLEAU

- 399th. Excellent job at the Wing Conference. Since I have most of you here, do we have a volunteer for next year. We are going to make a couple changes this year. I would like to get a host squadron by June CC as to will be the host squadron. Two ways to do this—volunteer or I will write each squadron's name down and will pick. The conference committee needs help. We need additional people. Check with your people. I want at least two people from the host squadron to sit on the conference committee so they know what is happening. The committee needs relief—they need additional help. Go back to your squadron and come up with an answer to me. You can email me. Without the host squadron a lot of things won't happen at the squadron.
- The second Wednesday of the month is when the committee meets. I highly recommend that the committee meet at your squadron a couple times on a squadron meeting night. The first meeting is actually July 12.
- I'd like to thank the conference committee.
- Provost-Is Wing picking up the tab for the rooms if the squadron has to stay on Friday night?
- Friday night the gathering is usually the Commander's reception. Saturday morning is when it comes into play. We'll talk to the committee about that.
- I want to congratulate everyone who participated in the AE and Safety displays. They were incredible this year.
- Major Shapiro is reminding us that there will be a GTE n May 20. Ground teams must have their identification with them. If you come, you need all your paperwork—your membership card and your 101 card.
- Sturges—I would like to double check on what squadrons are providing for this. No ID, they will be working at base.
- If you have any seniors who want to play, have them coordinate with Col Sturges.

- Encampment is set for July. Tonight all applications are supposed to be in. Get them in quickly—we want to have a good turnout at the encampment.
- Provost-All cadets will get a letter from Major Magurany letting the cadets know when and where they will need to meet so they all go up in vans.
- This weekend we have a CLC here at Wing.
- June 3-4 there will be a UCC course up here at Wing.
- We have a CT Form 910-1 regarding an activity that has to be mailed two weeks prior to an activity.. Comment made when you get notified that a pilot can do “O” flights tomorrow. It’s different. My concern is that when a squadron has a planned activity for months and I never know about it. My concern is when you take cadets out of state or to a park for two or three days, a larger activity.

COL STIDSEN

- Those who have not done their annual safety survey, you are on the watch. It was due February.
- 62-1. Please review. There’s a lot of new information in it—please take the time to look at it. Please give a copy to your unit safety officer.
- NER Commander’s Safety policy. It is short and sweet. Make sure everybody gets a copy and read it. Please post this on your unit bulletin board.
- Proposed accident prevention program. If you don’t have a safety program yet, this might be good for you to look at and follow. This was from another wing. This gives you some idea of what you are required to have.
- At Wing conference I did do a half review of the new program. I would like to present Region’s safety program at a later date to the squadron commanders
- Play CD on safety from National at your safety down day.
- I would like to email the powerpoint to all squadrons. National is on our case that safety is important.

CT004

- Introduced Lt Dammars.
- Two cadets attend RI encampment. Just turned in seven applications for CT encampment.
- Have the Simsbury car show coming up beginning of July.
- Had a tour of Air Traffic Control Tower.
- Have two parades coming up—E. Windsor parade and the Memorial Day Parade in Granby.

CT014

- This weekend helping out with Connecticut Street Rods parking vehicles for them.
- Try to get a van full for ground team for the GTE.
- NIMS training at Red Cross in Farmington—I have a couple people interested in going.
- May 31-June 4 helping out with National Trails (we do this every year). Park vehicles.

CT022

- Could not identify what was said.

CT027

- Will participate in the GTE
- We are doing our Memorial Day Parade
- June 9 Home School convention – (CT058-will probably help on June 9)
- Trying to get together with the Air Force Association to go to one of their meetings.
- Had a cadet go to RI.
- Anybody taking a vehicle done in please make sure you tell them you want only an estimate and not have the work done. Get estimate and fax to Lt Col Brignola
- MySpace.com. Cadets should not have pictures on there. Is there a written policy on this. Valleau—We could put together a guideline. Jensen—let's talk about this offline. Maybe cadets need to be appraised of sites such as this.

CT042

- Have a Mitchell. Award ceremony will be on May 18 as well as a cadet change of command.
- Have a rocketry program every month.
- Had two cadets who went to RI.
- Will be marching in a Memorial Day Parade.
- Have seven basics for encampment and six staff

CT058

- April 22 activity – had a couple people
- CLC for this weekend—have a couple people already signed up
- Have two new cadets
- I will have a ground school in July. Will be a program for everyone.
- May 21 – Special Olympics Bicycle Relay Race in Cheshire.
- Have three cadets who attended RI. Two did get sick. Two cadets made an honor flight.
- Have several people for the CT Encampment
- One cadet made Major
- Have a Memorial Day Parade coming up

CT062

- Had four people attend the pre-eval.
- Have an Earhardt but haven't set up a time to present as yet.
- This month have a trip planned for Battleship Code. I have sent in a request for that-Naval Museum.
- Have two parades in May.
- Have three basics going to encampment.

CT071

- Experimental Aircraft Association came to our squadron. Brought four homemade aircrafts. Set up stations and cadets rotated stations to see each one. Wonderful meeting and everyone was involved.
- In June they sponsor Young Eagles. We are going to try to get our cadets fly as non-CAP people. They will go up as regular youth.
- Will be giving a Mitchell award the end of this month. Would like to extend an invitation to you. It will be the last Friday of the month.
- Had good feedback on the conference. Everyone enjoyed it a lot.
- We anticipate a good turnout for the GTE both for the cadets and seniors. A lot of cadets are engaged in Flight Line Marshalling.
- Working on developing a new squadron patch since we recently changed our squadron name. Trying to stick to Air Force guidelines. (Jensen—If you need any historical advice from Colonel Blascovich, the National Historian, I could put you in touch with him.)
- We have six basics for encampment (possibly two more).

CT073

- Two cadets will attend encampment
- Received a plaque recently for second place in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

CT074

- Right now the numbers for encampment are not as high as they should be. We need fifty in order for the encampment to break even. Fuel costs are higher this year for vehicles.
- No basics that we know of at this point from out-of-state. Please send me an email telling me what you have.
- I need to get -shirts ordered for cadets, staff and personnel so I need figures right away.
- DRMO—we have lost anything that was tagged. I will speak with Colonel Jensen about this.
- Vehicle logs-if we fax to Lt Col Brignola do we still need to put in the box. Jensen-yes until we can come up with another way to do this. (fax to Lt Col Brignola's house and then a copy up here.)
- Having a training exercise this coming weekend.
- Spoke with Lt Col Stidsen with this tire issue we have been having. I basically want to know who our Region expert is saying that this tire is good. Where do we draw the line with cracks. Take to a dealer and have them check tire out.

CT075

- Would like to introduce Lt Rockette our PDO.
- Did a lot of flying last month. I think we got about 30 hours. We have another pilot. I also have four scanners who should be ready for the GTE. I am going to

start an observer training school in June. I already have three candidates for that school.

- One of our pilots and one of Danbury's pilots are going to get the certification for glass cockpit training. Once that airplane gets here. There are only two guys to fly it. We need more than two people to fly it. We want to have a glass cockpit ground school. We want only qualified pilots – June 15 in Groton. Slide show with training. One time deal—you can't fly in checkout until you go to this ground school. Will get this out of the way so when pilots get back from i we get other pilots trained.

Meeting adjourned at 2030 local. Dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cassandra Huchko, LTC, CAP
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